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Recirculation for an Internal Combustion Engine  
Having Exhaust Gas Recirculation

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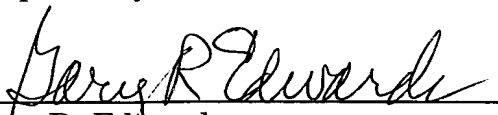
The relevance of the reference (DE 199 34 508 A1 listed as AF on the attached PTO-1449) to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of the publications listed on the attached PTO-1449 as AE and AG are also submitted herewith. Applicants also submit a copy of the corresponding International Search Report and a translation of the relevant portions thereof. U.S. equivalents for AF and AG are also provided.

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	AA	US- 6,067,800		05/30/2000	Kolmanovsky et al	
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	AD	EP 1 221 544 A2		07/10/2002	Nissan Motor Co.		
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	AG	DE 199 53 358 A1		12/28/1999	Robert Bosch GmbH		AB
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